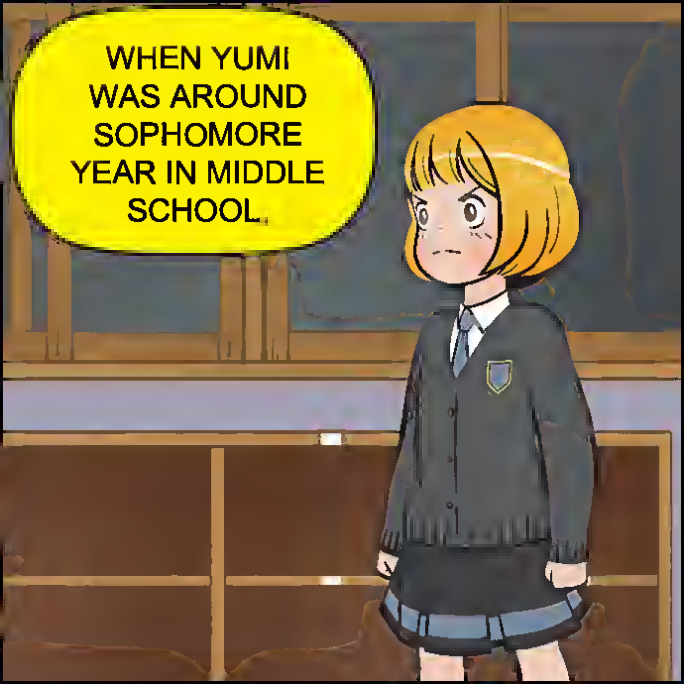
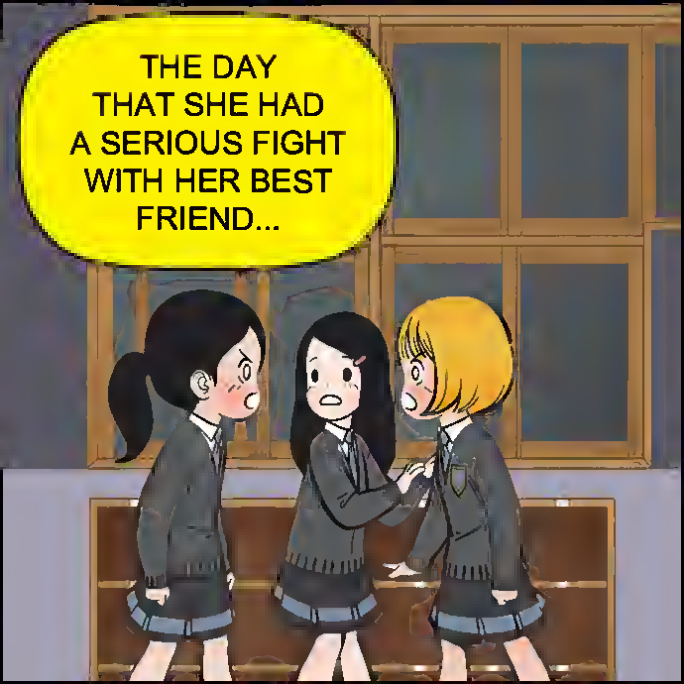
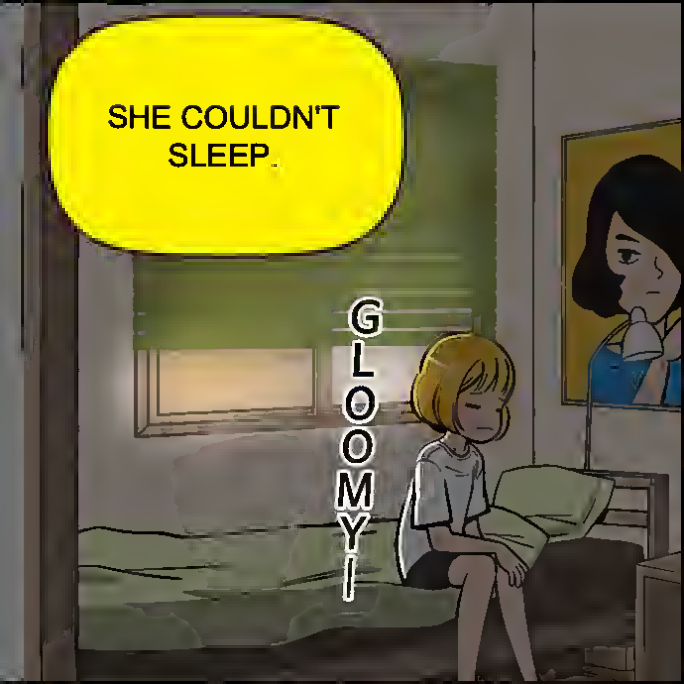
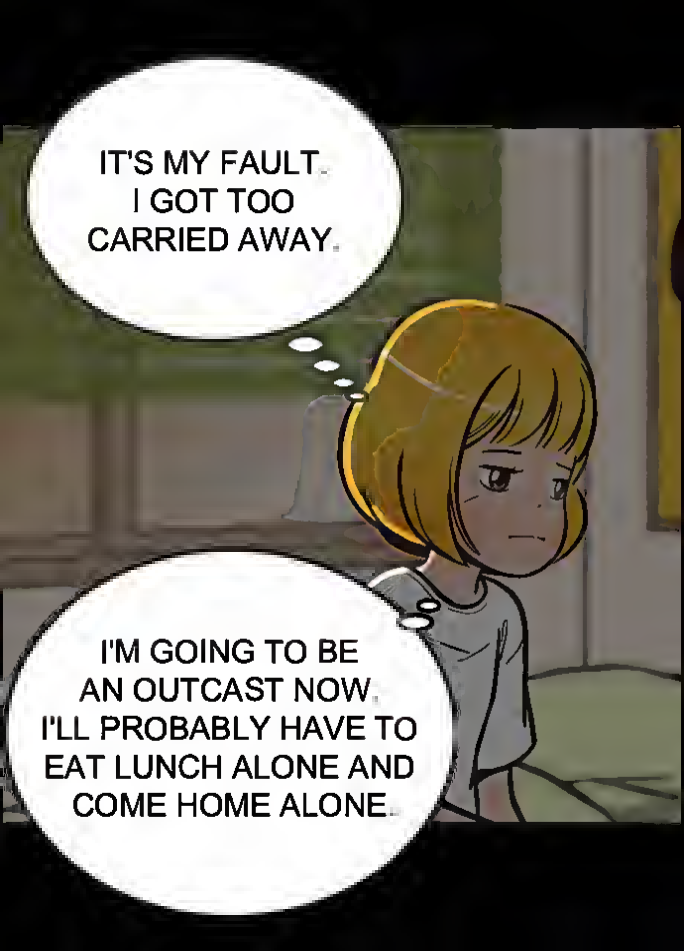
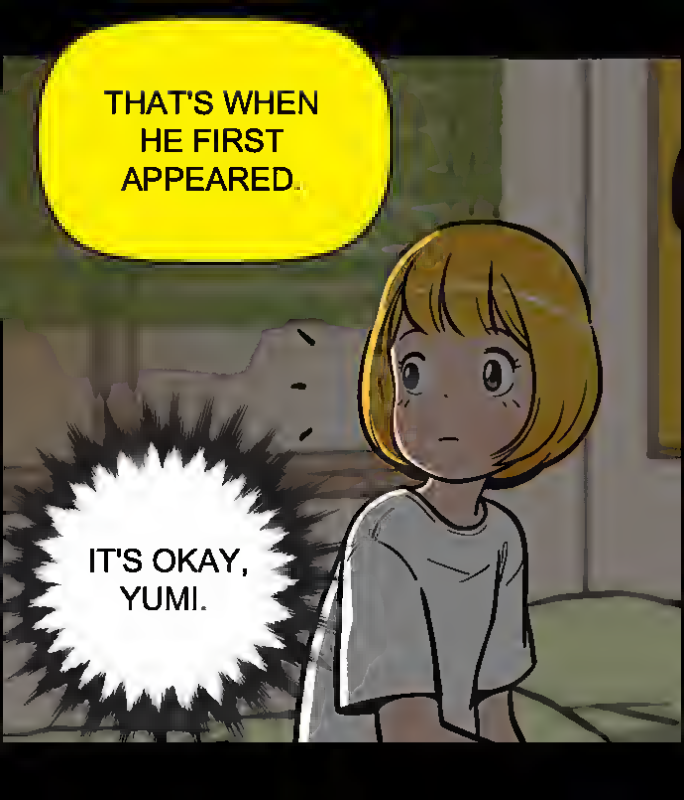

WHEN YUMI WAS AROUND SOPHOMORE YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

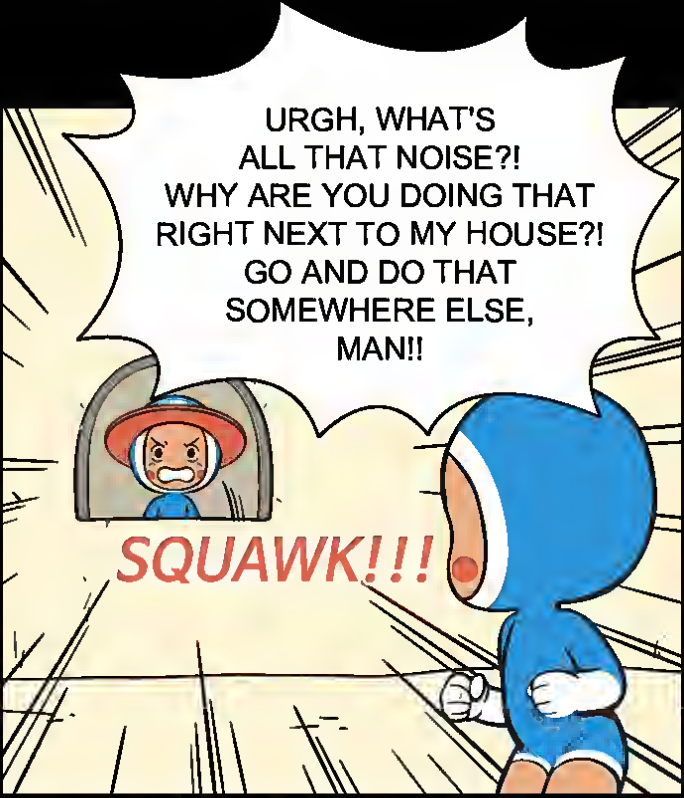

THE DAY
THAT SHE HAD
A SERIOUS FIGHT
WITH HER BEST
FRIEND...

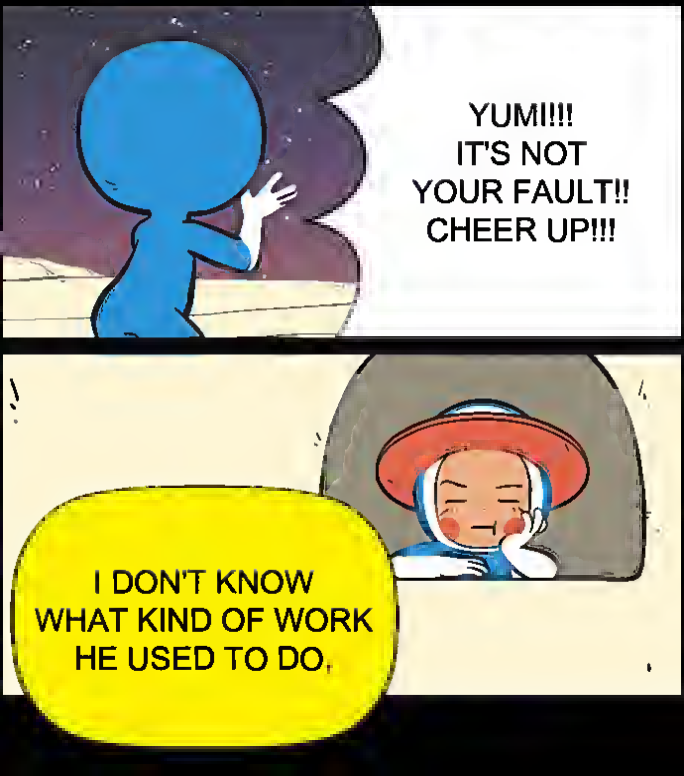

SHE COULDN'T SLEEP.
GLOOMY!

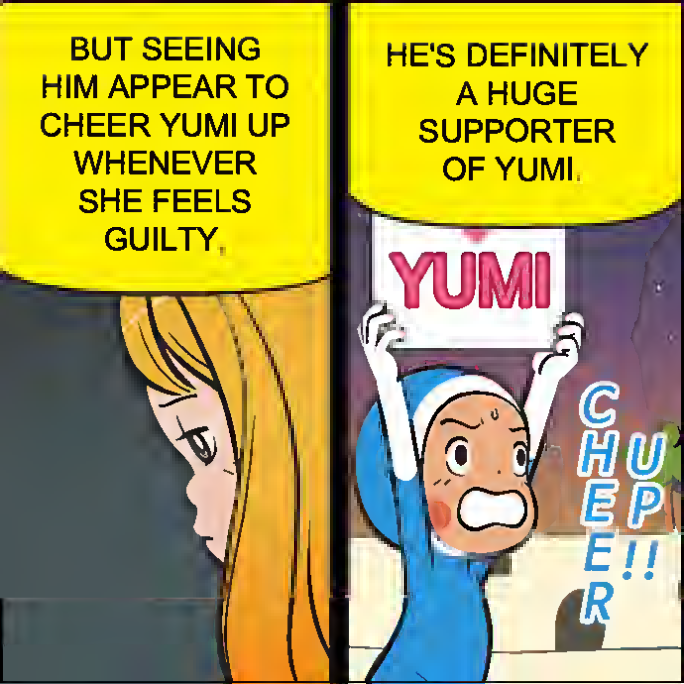

IT'S MY FAULT.
I GOT TOO CARRIED AWAY.
I'M GOING TO BE AN OUTCAST NOW.
I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO EAT LUNCH ALONE AND COME HOME ALONE.


THAT'S WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED.
IT'S OKAY, YUMI.

IT'S OKAY!!!
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!!!
SHE BETRAYED YOU
FIRST!
!!!!!

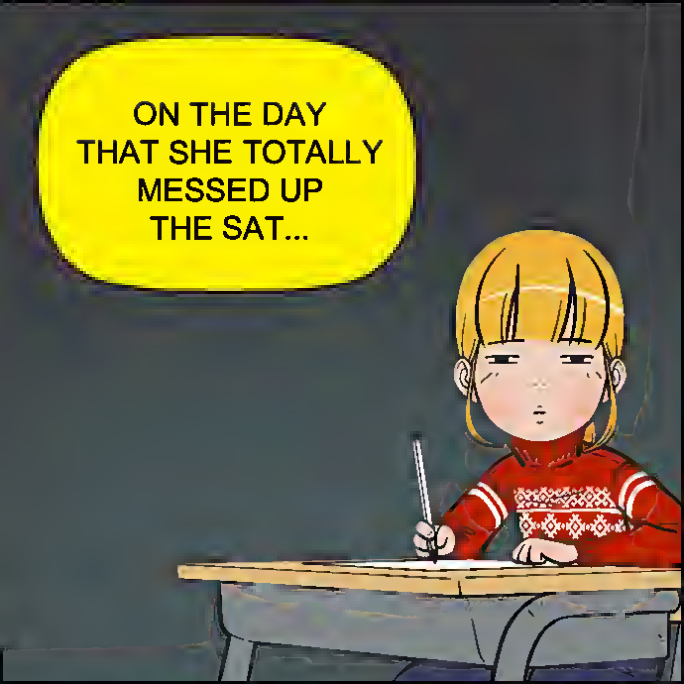

URGH, WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?! WHY ARE YOU DOING THAT RIGHT NEXT TO MY HOUSE?! GO AND DO THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE, MAN!!
SQUAWK!!!

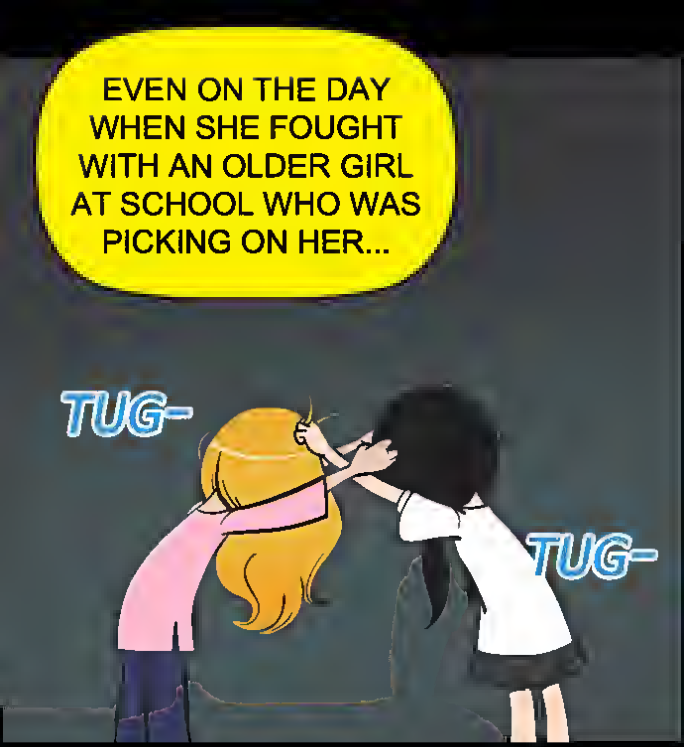

YUM!!!
IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT!!
CHEER UP!!!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT KIND OF WORK
HE USED TO DO.

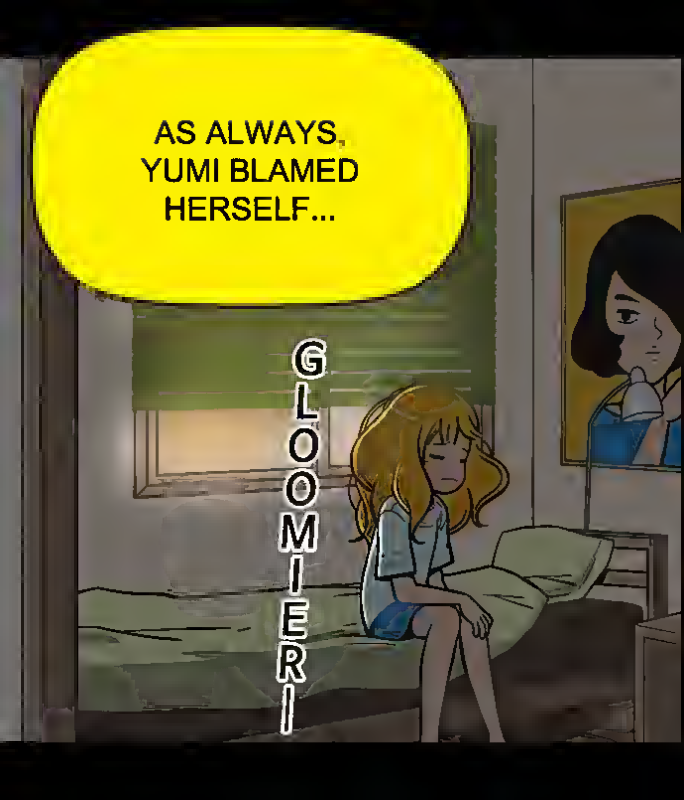

BUT SEEING HIM APPEAR TO CHEER YUMI UP WHENEVER SHE FEELS GUILTY.
HE'S DEFINITELY A HUGE SUPPORTER OF YUMI.
YUMI
CHEER UP!!

THE CELLS ALL CALLED HIM THE <YUMI NUT>. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS REAL NAME.
IT'S OKAY!
IT'S OKAY!
HE'S SO LOUD...

ON THE DAY THAT SHE LOST THE PHONE THAT HER DAD BOUGHT FOR HER...


ON THE DAY
THAT SHE TOTALLY
MESSED UP
THE SAT...

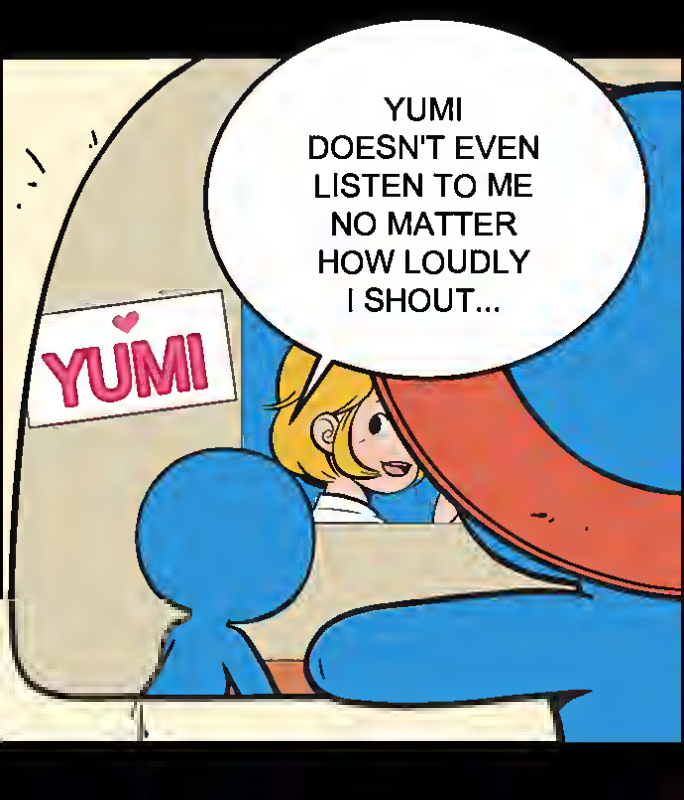

EVEN ON THE DAY WHEN SHE FOUGHT WITH AN OLDER GIRL AT SCHOOL WHO WAS PICKING ON HER...
TUG-
TUG-


AS ALWAYS, YUMI BLAMED HERSELF...
GLOOMIERI

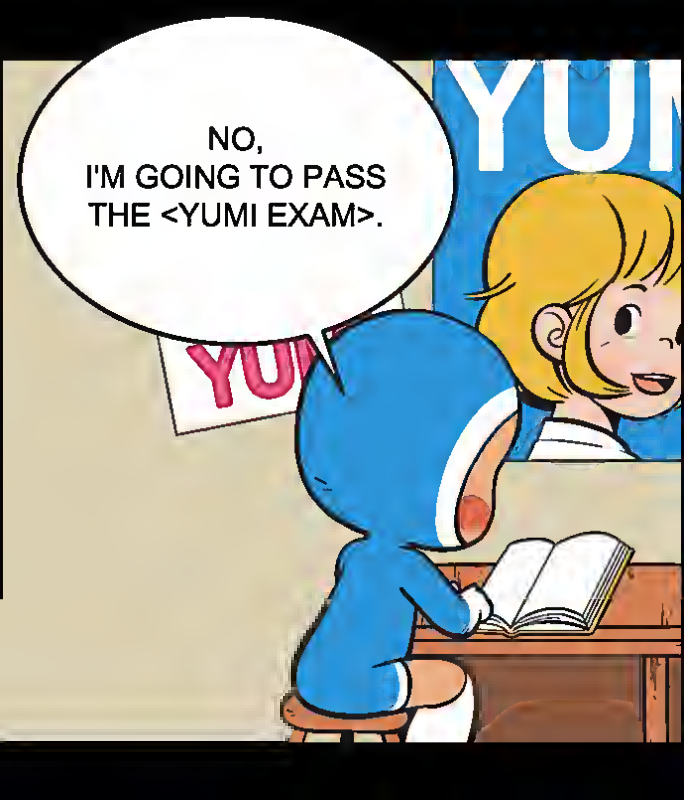
AND
THE YUMI NUT
ALWAYS SHOWED UP
TO ENCOURAGE
YUMI.
IT'S OKAY!
IT'S OKAY!
YUMI!!!
YOU HAVEN'T DONE
ANYTHING WRONG!!
THAT OTHER GIRL IS
THE ONE WHO STARTED
THIS!!!

BUT
AT SOME POINT,
HE STOPPED
APPEARING.
...IS HE DEAD?

HEY! WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN SHOWING UP IN TOWN RECENTLY?
YUMI JUST GOT A JOB AND HAS BEEN HAVING A HARD TIME WITH IT.

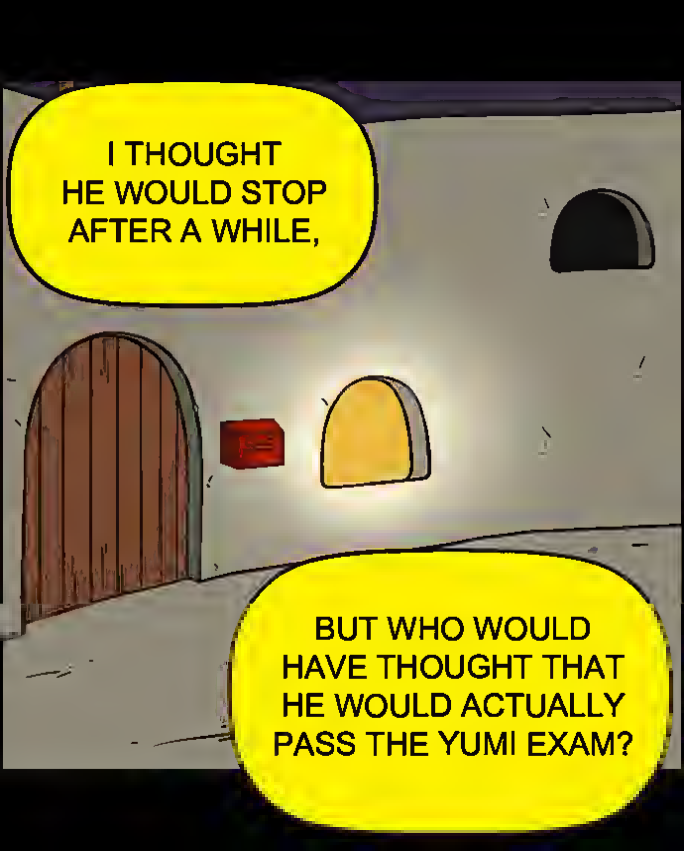

YUMI
DOESN'T EVEN
LISTEN TO ME
NO MATTER
HOW LOUDLY
I SHOUT...
YUMI

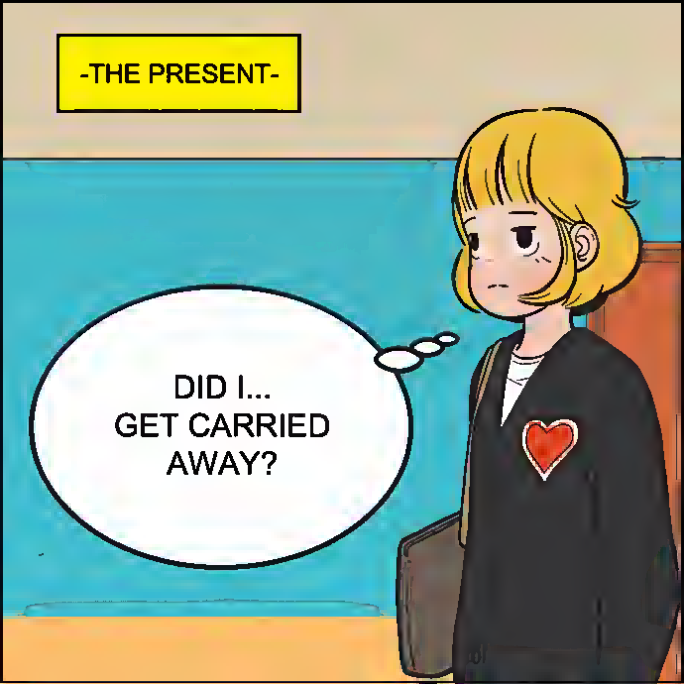
HMPH, SO YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON BEING A YUMI NUT?


NO,
I'M GOING TO PASS
THE <YUMI EXAM>.

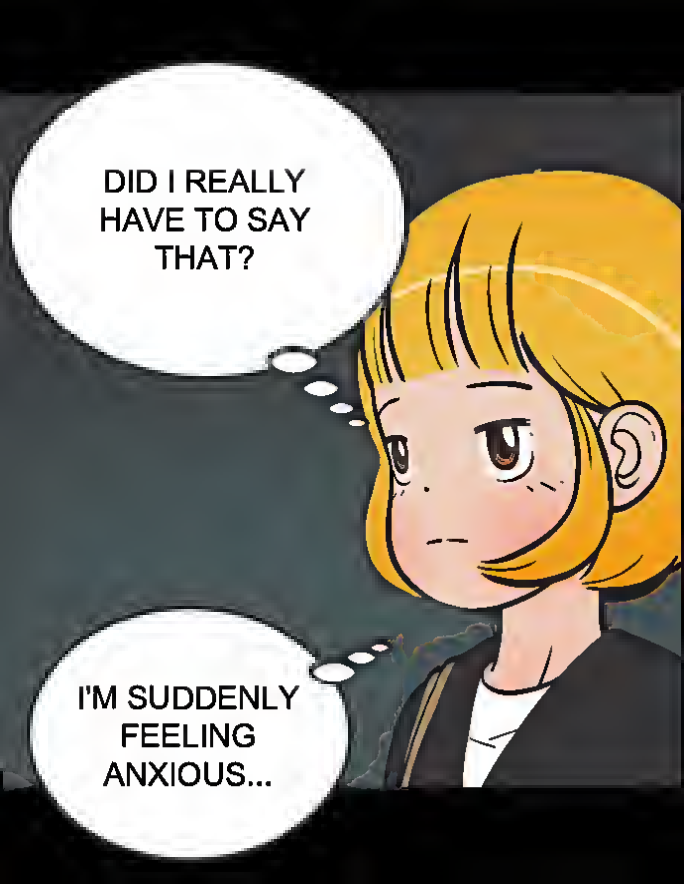
I'M GOING TO BECOME A JUDGE AND ENCOURAGE HER PROPERLY!
YU
YU
SMILE!

MAKE A LOGO FOR ME. I'M GOING TO MAKE A FAN CLUB.
YU
UGH... I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

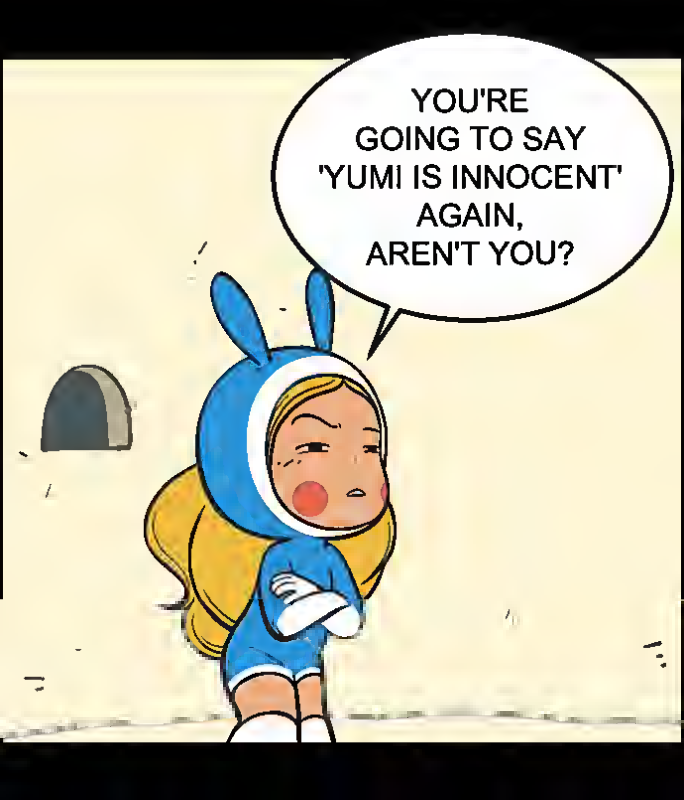

I THOUGHT HE WOULD STOP AFTER A WHILE,
BUT WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD ACTUALLY PASS THE YUMI EXAM?

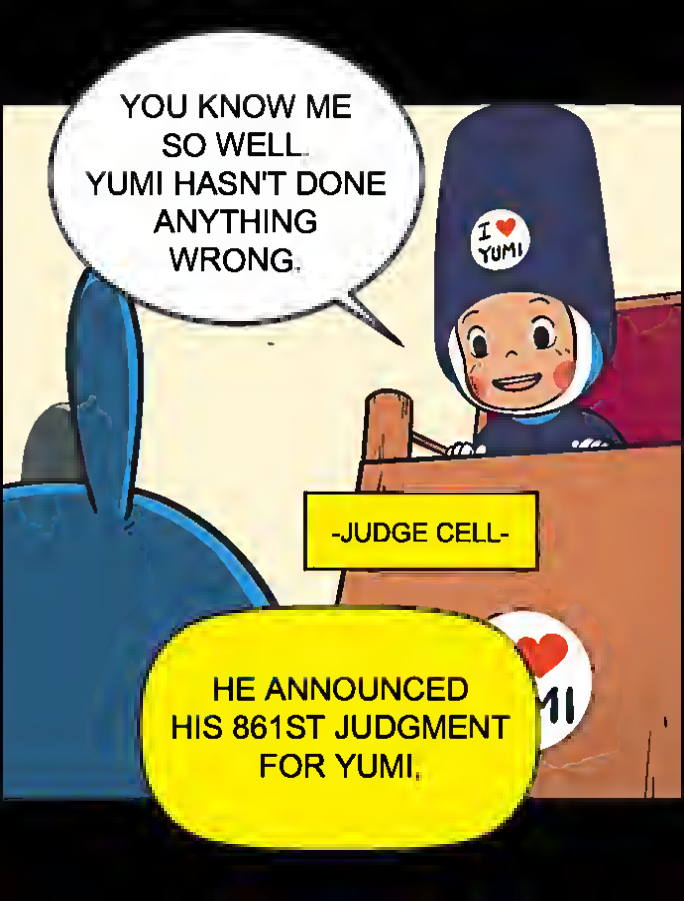

-THE PRESENT-
DID I...
GET CARRIED
AWAY?

SEEING THAT LOOK ON SIA'S FACE, I SUDDENLY FEEL... SORRY.

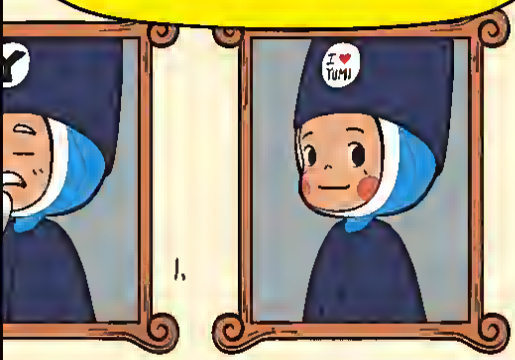

DID I REALLY HAVE TO SAY THAT?
I'M SUDDENLY FEELING ANXIOUS...

NOW!
I'M GOING TO
ANNOUNCE
MY DECISION.
LISTEN UP,
ANXIETY CELL.


YOU'RE GOING TO SAY 'YUMI IS INNOCENT' AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?


YOU KNOW ME SO WELL. YUMI HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
I ♥ YUMI
-JUDGE CELL-
HE ANNOUNCED HIS 861ST JUDGMENT FOR YUMI.

AND RECENTLY EVEN PUBLISHED A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS CALLED <YUMI'S INNOCENT, SIA IS GUILTY>.



EVEN NOW, HE'S STILL VERY ACTIVE IN HIS POSITION.

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